

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Spring Term — 1st March 2024 (Issue 21)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe March is here already!

We have had another great week at Wessex Gardens with lots of great learning taking place. Don't forget to read the week summary from your child's class teacher.

Ramadan

We will soon be entering the holy month of Ramadan. Some of our children do like to fast but we need parent/carer consent for this. Next week we will be sending a letter home to our KS2 families regarding this. Please do complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

Punctuality

If you arrive after 8:50 but before 9:00 you receive a blue slip. Some families are receiving one nearly every day! Please make sure your child arrives to school between 8:40 and 8:50. Beginning the morning together ensures the smooth running of the day.

Mrs Charteris

Our School Business Leader, Mrs Charteris, retired yesterday. We wish her the most wonderful of retirements. I am delighted that she will remain as a school Governor.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

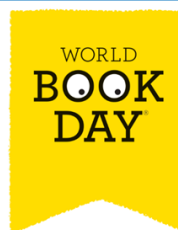
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Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

04.03.2024	Y4 trip to Lee Valley
07.03.2024	World Book Day
10.03.2024	Mothering Sunday
15.03.2024	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
20.03.2024	Y1 trip to London Aquarium



WORLD BOOK DAY at Wessex Gardens

Thursday 7th March 2024

On Thursday 7th March, Wessex Gardens will be celebrating World Book Day. This year, we invite the children (and the staff at Wessex!) to come to school on Thursday 7th March dressed as either their favourite fictional book character or dress as one interesting adjective (such as cheerful, intelligent, creative, excited or humorous for example!).

This is not a fund raising event so the children do not need to bring in any money.

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March 2024



This year we will be taking part in Red Nose day to raise money for Comic Relief. We will be selling red noses in from Monday 11th March for £2.00. On Friday 15th March the children may come to school wearing red and/or funny hair styles. The crazier the better. In assembly, we will award one child in each year group that has the best and craziest hairstyle, a free red nose and present them with a certificate. Each child to bring in £1 for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Thank you.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

SPRING TERM 2024

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

MAY DAY: Monday 6th May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July

Dates for the academic year 2024-2025 are shown later in this Newsletter

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	65%
Maple	88%
Palm	98%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	85%
Hazel	93%
Hawthorn	98%
Oak	98%
Acacia	97%
Sycamore	88%
Magnolia	100%
Mahogany	98%

Congratulations Magnolia on achieving 100% attendance this week



Letters home this week

Y1 Trip to
London Aquarium
20.03.2024

Nursery

We've enjoyed another exciting week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story 'Never ask a Dinosaur to Dinner' by Gareth Edwards and Guy Parker-Rees. We are beginning to ask questions about the events in the story. In maths, we have been showing lots of interest in talking about simple patterns and attempting to make some independently. We enjoyed exploring making prints in salt dough using different parts of dinosaurs; feet, horns and scales. We are making lots of progress with our mark making and created wonderful pictures of ourselves this week! Some of us were able to write our names or some of letters in our name. Please continue to look on Tapestry regularly to access your child's home learning, fridge words and latest achievements!

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week of adventures in Silver Birch. The children have loved starting their swimming lessons. Please remember the children have swimming on Wednesday afternoons. In English, the children have created posters about the role of a gardeners and what they are good at. They look amazing hanging in our classroom. In maths, we have sorted objects into pairs and adding two groups together. The children enjoyed flying a kite, playing cross the river and practising reading and writing our Phase 3 tricky words in the outside classroom. The children are becoming really confident with their reading. A huge thank you to all the families who are supporting their children with reading on Bug Club. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday!

Year 1

Here's a glimpse into what we've been up to this week. In English we read our Power of Reading core text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. The children explored the illustrations and used their imagination to explore the different emotions the characters were going through in the text. Maths this week, the children are mastering place value and counting up to 100, with a focus on finding the missing number and estimating a number on a number line. Religious education we have started exploring the roles, responsibilities, and differences among religious leaders. The children looked at the different books from the three religions we are focusing on this term, they went on to draw a picture of one of the religious leaders they learned about. In geography the children explored the different landmarks in London on google earth. In design technology, we used the construction kits to create a vehicle. In science this week the children learned about the different mammals, reptiles and birds highlighting the differences and similarities. If you have a pet, could your children bring a picture? Please note we will be visiting London Aquarium details on school ping. P.E Day will now be on Tuesdays for both classes. Wishing you a wonderful weekend and the adventure continues next week!

Year 2

Good Day Parents,

It has been a week of hard work and fantastic learning in Year 2. In maths we have started looking at number sentences with the multiplication and division symbol. We have also been looking at making equal groups by sharing and grouping and writing number sentences to represent our story.

In English, we have been working hard as journalists to write a newspaper article about the Lonely Beast which is our power of reading text this half term. We have learnt to identify the different features of an article and it was very interesting to write our own report.

In RE we are learning all about special places in Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. We learnt that churches, cathedrals, and Bethlehem are special places in Christianity and the mandir/temple, shrine and River Ganges are special places for Hindus. We also learnt that mosques, Mecca (The Kaaba) and minarets are special places in Islam.

In history, we are learning about the Great Fire of London which is a historical event which brought about a lot of change in London. In science, our topic for this half term is Animals, Including Humans. We learnt what an offspring is and the names of different animal offspring.

Don't forget that for this half term, Year 2 boys have swimming on Wednesdays and PE is back to being on Thursdays. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

We are so proud of our year 3's and their journey they have taken this year. We have begun planning, writing and finally publishing our amazing explanation text on how a volcano erupts. The finishing product looks amazing! In maths, we have visited our learning in perimeters and calculating the distance around the shape. Whilst in R.E, we have been looking at symbols in Sikhism with a particular focus on the 5 k's. Ask your children if they remember the 5 k's? In geography we have been learning about the oceans and continents alongside human and physical geography! Can your child remember the names of the oceans and continents? In science we have analysed key vocabulary to do with soils and rocks, focusing on the 3 types of rocks! We are having such a fun time with our learning! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have had such a fun week! We loved visiting a synagogue and getting to see and handle real religious artefacts. It was fascinating! What an interesting educational visit! Another exciting thing that happened was having our special visitor, Ms Baksh, coming to our classes to tell us all about her special pilgrimage - Hajj. We got to ask questions and note down her answers. In science, we built our own electrical circuits and learnt about the different components. In English, our text is getting so interesting...how will Krindlekrax be defeated? It's been incredible learning so many new and exciting gymnastics shapes. Some of us are really talented at gymnastics! Next week on Thursday 7th March it's World Book Day. Remember to send your child in dressed as a fictional character or an interesting adjective next Thursday 7th March! We can't wait!

Year 5

The Year 5s are exploring ancient Greece in both history and English. This has been very good for their learning as they are seeing the similarities between English and history and it is reinforcing what has been learnt. The students in English have been writing a script, which has to be performed. They are becoming budding script writers. Some of them have been finding it quite challenging but exciting, as they explore being stage directors as well.

The students have also been learning in RE the religions of Buddhism, Sikhism and Christianity and looking at their belief systems. They have been researching and asking amazing questions about why and how these people of those faith manoeuvre their religion in today's world.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children successfully wrote a job application letter to Ernest Shackleton (the explorer) thinking carefully about audience and purpose throughout the process. In maths, we have been learning about area and perimeter before going on to consolidate our learning at home. In science, we learned about the seven characteristics of a living organism and what the term 'classification' means. We are thoroughly enjoying our topic 'Frozen Kingdoms', and were fascinated to learn about similarities and differences between the climates in both polar regions. P.E is on Mondays and tutoring is now only on Tuesdays. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a peaceful weekend!

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Silver Birch	Ace
Chestnut	Mia
Maple	Razeem
Palm	Davi
Redwood	Jeevika
Cedar	Enrico
Hazel	Natalia
Oak	George
Hawthorn	Mohammed
Acacia	Adonis
Mahogany	Angelo
Magnolia	Kayrne

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Jack, Silver Birch class
Aresema, Chestnut class
Maryam, Maple class
Rumayso, Palm class
Ruqayya, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Abdulo, Cedar class
Harun, Hazel class
Shae, Oak class
Mariana, Hawthorn class
Lisa, Acacia class
Hussain, Sycamore class
Shahruza, Mahogany class

Reader of the Week

Jana, Silver Birch class
Joel, Chestnut class
Rania, Maple class
Hans, Palm class
Rassa, Redwood class
Mrs Alba's reading group
Xhansu, Hazel class
Manwee, Oak class
Tawaab, Hawthorn class
Rayhana, Acacia class
Leila, Sycamore class
Raissa, Mahogany class
Farakhnoz, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Magnolia class
Oak class

Well done!

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024 / 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Wednesday 4th September – Friday 25th October

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

SECOND HALF: Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2025

FIRST HALF: Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

SECOND HALF: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

FIRST HALF: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

MAY DAY: Monday 5th May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 18th July